



Two centuries of Viking raids into Europe tapered off following the adoption of Christianity in 994. In 1397, Norway was absorbed into a union with Denmark that lasted more than four centuries. Rising nationalism throughout the 19th century led to a 1905 referendum granting Norway independence from Sweden.

unicameral Parliament or Storting (169 seats)

petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, copper, lead,
zinc, titanium, pyrites, nickel, fish, timber,
hydropower

partners: Sweden 17%, Germany 12%, China 8%, Denmark 7%, US 6%, UK 5%, Netherlands 5% (2019)

Church of Norway (Evangelical Lutheran - official) 68.1%, Muslim 3.4%, Roman Catholic 3.1%, other Christian 3.8%, other 9.6%, unspecified 15.4% (2020 est.)

